

**GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA  
FORESTS & ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT  
ORDERS BY THE GOVERNOR  
NOTIFICATION**

***Dated Shillong the 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2024.***

**No. FOR. 50/2001/Vol I/753 :** In pursuance with the Resolution issued vide No.S.O.3000(E), dated 11<sup>th</sup> September, 2017 and in compliance with the order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 5<sup>th</sup> October, 2015 in category - I the matter relating to Wood Based Industries in I.A. No. 2365 in 1406/2005 in W.P(s) (civil) No (s). 202/1995, T.N. Godavarman Thirumulpad vs Union of India & Ors, the Governor of Meghalaya is pleased to re-constitute the State Level Committee for Wood Based Industries, comprising of the following members :-

1.	Principal Chief Conservator of Forests/Head of Forest Department	Chairperson
2.	Deputy Director General of Forest (C), Govt. of India, Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Meghalaya, Shillong.	Member
3.	Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya, Revenue & Disaster Management Department.	Member
4.	Conservation of Forests (T), Khasi & Jaintia Hills, Meghalaya, Shillong.	Member
5.	Conservator of Forests (CC, R & T), Meghalaya, Shillong.	Member
6.	Director, Agriculture, Meghalaya, Shillong	Member
7.	Director of Commerce & Industries, Meghalaya, Shillong.	Member
8.	Chief Forest Officer/Representative of the Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council, Shillong	Member
9.	Chief Forest Officer/Representative of the Jaintia Hills Autonomous District Council, Jowai	Member
10.	Chief Conservator of Forest/Representative of the Garo Hills Autonomous District Council, Tura	Member
11.	Managing Director, Forest Development Corporation of Meghalaya	Member
12.	Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Meghalaya, Shillong	Member Secretary

**Terms of Reference**

- (i) Assess the availability of timber in the state by way of appropriate study on demand and supply as and when the State Level Committee accordingly decides. The Committee shall devise suitable mechanism for sustainable use of timber in a way that does not affect the forest of the area adversely.
- (ii) Consider and approve the name of Wood Based Industries for grant of fresh license, renewal of license granted to the Wood Based Industries or enhancement of the existing capacity of the licensed Wood Based Industries in case the State Level Committee is satisfied that timber of legal origin is available such as trees outside forest, forests, etc. for the said new Wood Based Industries.

- (iii) Ensure that the sum lying with the respective Division of the State Forest Department which have been recovered from Wood Based Industries is utilized for the purpose of afforestation only.
- (iv) Examined and make appropriate recommendations or take up any other matter referred by the State Government to the Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change.

The Notification issued vide this Department's No.FOR.50/2001/Vol I/747, dated 11/12/2023 is treated as cancelled.

**Sd/-**

(Pravin Bakshi, IAS)

Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya,  
Forest & Environment Department.

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**Copy forwarded to :**

1. The P.S. to the Minister in-charge, Forests & Environment Department for kind information of the Minister.
2. The P.A to the Commissioner & Secretary, Forest & Environment Department for information of the Commissioner & Secretary.
3. The Director, Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change (Forest Conservation Division) Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, Aliganj, Jorbagh Road, New Delhi-110003 for information.
4. The Deputy Director General of Forest (C), Government of India, Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Law-u-Sib, Lumbatngen, Near MTC Workshop, Shillong-793021.
5. The Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya, Revenue & disaster Management Department
6. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Meghalaya, Shillong.
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14. The Chief Forest Officer/Representatives of the Garo Hills Autonomous District Council, Tura.
15. The Managing Director, Forest Development Corporation of Meghalaya.
16. The Director of Printing & Stationery, Government of Meghalaya, Shillong for publication in the Meghalaya Gazette.
17. The Senior System Analyst NIC Shillong Meghalaya with a request to place in Government website.
18. Guard file/Office copy.

By Order etc;

Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya  
Forest & Environment Department